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SUBJECT: FURTHER KOREAN PRESS REACTION TO P'YONGYANG PROPOSAL

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SUMMARY: KOREAN EDITORIAL REACTION TO NORTH'S PROPOSAL WAS UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE. ROKG SUCCEEDED IN ITS INTENTION (REFTEL B) NOT TO DIGNIFY PROPOSAL WITH OFFICIAL RESPONSE. END SUMMARY

1. ON JANUARY 27, KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS WEIGHED IN WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT ON P'YONGYANG'S PROPOSALS OF 1/25. COMMENT, WHICH APPEARED IN FIVE OF SEVEN MAJOR DAILIES IN SEOUL, WAS UNIFORMLY AND HEAVILY NEGATIVE. CHOSON ILBO ENTITLED ITS EDITORIAL "KOREAN PENINSULA IS NOT A PLAYGROUND;" TONGA ILBO'S READ "PLATITUDINOUS REPETITION OF 'SOUTH-NORTH NEGOTIATIONS.'" THRUST OF OPINION IN PAPERS WAS THAT DPRK PROPOSALS FOR MEETINGS UNNECESSARY BECAUSE RED CROSS AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING CHANNELS

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ALREADY OPEN. NEW CHANNEL BEING PROPOSED WAS SIMPLY REFORMULATION OF PERENNIAL AND UNACCEPTABLE NORTHERN ATTEMPT TO HOLD "GREAT NATIONAL CONFERENCE" OF ALL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS. TONGA ILBO EDITORIAL CALLED NORTH'S REFUSAL OF NON-AGGRESSION PACT BY OFFICIAL AS LOW AS YANG HYONG-SOP (SECRETARY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE) A "CLEAVER TRICK" AND NOTED THAT THIS DEVICE LEFT ROOM FOR KIM IL-

SONG TO REVERSE YANG'S REPORT, IF NECESSARY LATER.

2. GOVERNMENT PARTIES AND NDP LEADER HAVE ALL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NORTHERN PROPOSAL CONTAINS NOTHING ESSENTIALLY NEW. OTHERWISE, THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORTED OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT REACTION. ALL NON-EDITORIAL COMMENTS AND EVALUATIONS OF NORTH'S PROPOSAL ARE ATTRIBUTED TO "EXPERTS ON NORTH KOREA." LONE EXCEPTION IS POLITICAL GOSSIP COLUMN IN HAN'GUK ILBO WHICH, AFTER NOTING "FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS REFUSED ANY COMMENT, AS IF CONTENTS WERE NOT WORTHY OF ANALYSIS OR DISCUSSION," ADDS THAT "ONE OFFICIAL" CALLED NORTH'S PROPOSAL "A LAUGHABLE MATTER" AND ADVISED NORTH TO "APPROACH US MORE CORRECTLY, FORMALLY, AND SINCERELY."
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